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Chief of Resources Management, Dr. James E. “Doc” Price, Retiring at Ozark National Scenic Riverways

Dr. James E. Price, Chief of Resources Management at Ozark National Scenic Riverways, is hanging up his ranger hat after 11 years of federal service at Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

Exploring the family farm along the Current River Valley on the Missouri-Arkansas line and finding arrowheads and other Native American artifacts sparked his interest in Archeology and Anthropology. After graduation from Doniphan High School in 1963, he received a scholarship to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia where he earned a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Anthropology with honors in 1967.

His pursuit of a Masters Degree and finally a Ph.D. in Anthropology, both as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, were accomplished at the University of Michigan in 1970 and 1973 respectively. He served distinctively as a Research Associate and Archaeologist and Adjunct Faculty member at the University of Missouri at Columbia and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield until his retirement in 2000.

His ongoing research and field work in documenting prehistoric and historic peoples who lived, struggled, and built homes along the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers of Ozark National Scenic Riverways led him to his second career at the park. He was hired as a staff Archeologist in 2000 and was promoted into his present position as Chief of Resources Management in 2007. During his tenure, he was responsible for the preservation of the vast collection of park archeological sites, historic home sites, churches, cemeteries, and artifacts. His love of traditional

Ozark Folkways could be witnessed during the park's special events such as *Heritage Days* and *Haunting in the Hills* where he practiced woodworking.

A celebration of Jim's career will be Thursday, June 2. He'll be packing up his office, turning in property, tying up final loose projects, and locking the door on Tuesday, May 31. He'll continue to volunteer at Ozark National Scenic Riverway perpetuating the traditional Ozark Folkways and demonstrating at park events.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people. For more information, phone (573) 226-3945-4236 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/ozar.



Dr. Jim Price Demonstrates Traditional Woodworking at *Haunting in the Hills* Event

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